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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (EO TAGS & SUBJ ADDED)

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SUBJECT: NEW LISBON CHANCERY

FOR A/FBO FROM STANGE; FRANKFURT FOR RSS/RTC; BONN FOR RCO

1. BAIS UPDATED INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING FBO STANGE
AND HELLMAN VISIT ON SOLUTION FOR NEW CHANCERY, CONCLUDE
EITHER PURCHASE IF AVAILABLE DESIRABLE SITE OR ACQUISITION
OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTED BY ENTERPRENEUR ON HIS LOT ARE BOTH
FEASIBLE.

2. DETAILS OF FINDINGS FOR FBO CONSIDERATION WILL BE
REPORTED UPON RETURN FBO REPRESENTATIVES. HOWEVER, EMBASSY
AND FBO TEAM HAVE FOUND AT LEAST THREE EXCELLENT POSSIBLE
SITES: A 4 1/2 ACRE PROPERTY IN LAPA AREA NEAR EMBASSY
RESIDENCE FOR \$2 MILLION; AN 11 ACRE SITE AT HIGH ELEVATION
NEAR PRACA DE ESPANHA AT \$2 MILLION, AND A POSSIBLE THIRD
SITE BETWEEN AVENUE MALHOA AND PRACA DE ESPANHA AT A PRICE
TO BE DETERMINED. OWNERS HAVE AGREED TO GRANT 90 DAY
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OPTIONS WHICH EMBASSY WILL FINALIZE AFTER FBO TEAM
DEPARTURE. WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO CONSULT FURTHER
WITH CITY OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN THEIR APPROVAL OF DEVELOP-
MENT OF THE SITES FOR OUR REQUIREMENTS, IN PROCESS OF
NARROWING TO FINAL CHOICE.

3. EVALUATION OF BUILDINGS WHICH ARE IN PROCESS OF

CONSTRUCTION RESULTS CONCLUSIONS THAT PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED BUILDING AT 1682 AVENUE MALHOA DOES NOT APPEAR AT THIS POINT PRACTICAL SINCE NECESSARY CHANGES IN DESIGN AND PROBLEMS OF ELIMINATING RIGHT OF WAY WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL OF CITY AUTHORITIES WHICH, EVEN IF FORTHCOMING, WOULD NOT PERMIT TIMELY AND NECESSARY CHANGES IN CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS NOW PROCEEDING AT A RAPID PACE. THIS BUILDING ALSO HAS PROBLEM OF EXTENSIVE USE OF GLASS IN THE FACADE WHICH IS NOT CONSIDERED DESIRABLE. BUILDING AT 1663 MALHOA WOULD NOT PROVIDE SATISFACTORY AREA FOR CONSULAR SECTION AND ALSO HAS SOME PROBLEM OF EXTENSIVE USE OF GLASS IN THE FACADE. ANOTHER BUILDING AT 1710 RUA ALVARO PAIS OF ABOUT 101,000 GROSS SQUARE FEET IS AVAILABLE AT PRICE \$4,380,00 AS PRESENTLY DESIGNED, AND IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE GOOD POTENTIAL FOR OUR REQUIREMENTS. WHILE DESIGN AND WORKING DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT YET STARTED AND FBO COULD MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES AT MAXIMU SAVINGS.

3. EMBASSY PREFERS CHOICE THAT WILL PROVIDE QUICKEST SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO RESOLVE OVERCROWDED AND SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS OF PRESENT OFFICE SPACE.
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